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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Survey of Information Respecting US Nationals Held in Communist Countries

1. At a morning Deputies Meeting in March you raised the question of whether CIA should create a centralized information repository to receive, disseminate and formulate requirements for intelligence information on US Nationals held prisoner behind the Curtain. The Director charged the Chief of Operations with assigning an individual to study this question with particular reference to China.

2. For what it may be worth I have had OCI conduct a survey to find out what is now being done. The survey is attached.

3. I concur in Dr. Amory's recommendation that there is no need for us to establish a mechanized central file. I believe that if [redacted] disseminates all pertinent intelligence to Mr. Martin of State and Lt. Colonel Munroe of Defense and advise them of our willingness, within our capabilities, to accept requirements for further information we will be discharging our proper share of this responsibility. STAT

4. I am sending a copy of this memorandum to the DD/CO with instructions to make special dissemination of any overtly obtained information through his channels to the above mentioned officers of State and Defense.

5. When it serves your purpose I would appreciate your returning the exhibits in the attached envelope to me so that they may be filed in the CIA Library.

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ROBERT AMORY, JR.
Deputy Director/Intelligence

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cc: Mr. Kimmer
Mr. Helms
Mr. Bissell
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